

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:** This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the instant patent application.

**Listing of claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A compound ~~8 to 50~~ 12 to 30 nucleobases in length comprising at least 12 linked nucleosides of a nucleobase sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 26-84 targeted to the 3'-untranslated region of a nucleic acid molecule encoding BCL2-associated X protein (SEQ ID NO:17), wherein said compound specifically hybridizes with said nucleic acid molecule.
2. (Original) The compound of claim 1 which is an antisense oligonucleotide.
3. (Original) The compound of claim 2 wherein the antisense oligonucleotide comprises at least one modified internucleoside linkage.
4. (Original) The compound of claim 3 wherein the modified internucleoside linkage is a phosphorothioate linkage.
5. (Original) The compound of claim 2 wherein the antisense oligonucleotide comprises at least one modified sugar moiety.
6. (Original) The compound of claim 5 wherein the modified sugar moiety is a 2'-O-methoxyethyl sugar moiety.
7. (Original) The compound of claim 2 wherein the antisense oligonucleotide comprises at least one modified nucleobase.
8. (Original) The compound of claim 7 wherein the modified nucleobase is a 5-methylcytosine.
9. (Original) The compound of claim 2 wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a chimeric oligonucleotide.
10. (Canceled)
11. (Original) A composition comprising the compound of claim 1 and a

pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

12. (Original) The composition of claim 11 further comprising a colloidal dispersion system.

13. (Original) The composition of claim 11 wherein the compound is an antisense oligonucleotide.

14. (Previously amended) A method of inhibiting the expression of BCL2-associated X protein in cells or tissues in vitro comprising contacting said cells or tissues with the compound of claim 1 so that expression of BCL2-associated X protein is inhibited.

15. (New) The compound of claim 1 wherein the compound comprises any of SEQ ID NOs: 26-84.

16. (New) The compound of claim 1 wherein the compound consists of any of SEQ ID NOs: 26-84.